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Cc: Hull, George[Hull.George@epa.gov]
From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Mon 8/10/2015 12:58:06 PM
Subject: Re: OSWER (?) Action: Guardian media enquiry

I defer to George on this one, Robert. Thanks!

Sent from USEPA iPhone

On Aug 10, 2015, at 8:08 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Morning JV. Should OSWER be looking at the first few of these questions?

Thanks, R.

From: Karl Mathiesen [<mailto:karl.mathiesen.freelance@theguardian.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 7:59 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert
Subject: Re: Guardian media enquiry

Many thanks for your quick response Robert,

Just a note that the first questions are more of a national, rather than regional, nature. Are the regional offices the right place for them to be answered?

Here they are again:

How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? Are abandoned mines, like Gold King, monitored?

Best,

Karl

On 10 August 2015 at 12:55, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Hullo Karl,

A quick word to acknowledge your inquiry. I'll be forwarding your questions to our Region 8 office in Denver, which has until now managed the conversation with media outlets on the Gold Kind Mine spill. This said, I thought it useful to share some contact information for you.

In Region 8 and for follow-ups, you can contact.

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Please note the 7 hour time difference between London and Denver.

In Region 9 (California, Nevada, Arizona, Navajo Nation), you should get in touch with Kelly Zito at zito.kelly@epa.gov;

Region 6 (New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma), send a note to David Gray at gray.david@epa.gov;

Also, please note, EPA Region 8 will be hosting daily media calls through at least Friday, August 14, at 3 PM Mountain Time, which would make it 10 PM London Time.

Conference Number 866 299 9141

Conference Code 31829184#

These conference calls will likely include the Regional Administrators for Regions 6, 8 and 9, as well as scientists who can help you make sense of data EPA will get from its post-incident monitoring.

Last but not least, visit our page on the Aminos River spill here;

<http://www2.epa.gov/region8/gold-king-mine-release-emergency-response>

Thanks, R.

Robert Daguillard

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From: Karl Mathiesen [mailto:karl.mathiesen.freelance@theguardian.com]
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Subject: Guardian media enquiry

Hi Robert,

I'm a journalist with the Guardian writing a piece on the release from the Gold King Mine in Colorado.

I have a few questions on the background of the situation. Please do your best to answer them all.

On the general state of tailings dams and mines. How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? Are abandoned mines, like Gold King, monitored?

It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?

Best,

Karl

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